

## STATE BUILDING PLANS ACCEPTED

Fireproof Structure, to Cost \$250,000, Will Be Erected at Raleigh.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Raleigh, N. C., September 11.—The State Building Commission, in session here to-day, Ashley Horn, chairman, accepted the detailed plans for the \$250,000 fireproof State administration building, subject to any criticisms that may be passed upon specifications by the consulting architect. The commission will advertise at once for bids to be opened in Raleigh on November 1. Commissioners J. A. Long and J. Elwood Cox have been designated as an executive committee to have immediate supervision of the work. They will later procure a clerk who will have charge of a Raleigh office for the commission to keep track of the construction work while the building is in progress.

**Charters by State.**  
A charter was issued for the Sanders Spinning Company, Besemer City, capital \$25,000 authorized and \$10,000 subscribed, by J. W. Sanders, A. H. Bradley and J. R. Mitchell, for a general textile business. Other charters are to the Tri-State Motor Company, Louisville, capital \$25,000 authorized and \$8,000 subscribed, by R. Y. McAdan and others; the Hendersonville Traction Company, of Hendersonville, capital \$100,000 authorized and \$25,000 subscribed, by N. C. Stanton, D. S. Pace and others, for electric railway and light and power business; the Tabor Publishing Company, of Tabor, Columbus county, capital \$2,000 authorized and \$500 subscribed, by J. W. Lloyd and others, for publishing a newspaper at Tabor, Columbus county, and doing a job business.

State Commissioner of Insurance James R. Young has returned from attendance on the annual session of the National Association of State Commissioners to restate the reforms last week at Milwaukee, Ill. He is a member of the executive committee of the association. He regards the most important action of the recent session the determination of the commissioners to require decided reform in the management of the industrial, health and benefit companies, so that there shall be more prompt adjustments of losses without the raising of technicalities with a view to cutting down the benefits that the policyholders are entitled to. Eight of the companies of this class were required by action of the commissioners to completely reorganize their loss departments and dismiss their old officers in these departments.

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## THEFT OF MUSEUM RELICS PLOTTED

Police Are Told of Plan to Loot the Smithsonian Institution.

MASTER KEY DISPLAYED

Bowery Porter Says Man Asked Him to Take Part in Theft.

New York, September 11.—Investigation is being made by detectives of police headquarters of a story told yesterday by Thomas Alexander, a porter employed by the Standard Pharmacy, at 321 Bowery, of a plot to rob the Smithsonian Institution, in Washington, of some of its most valuable prehistoric American relics, which the government would not dispose of at any price. It is the intention of the man who has planned the theft, according to the information the police have, to hold the relics for a large reward.

That a man representing himself as formerly employed by the Yale-Towne Lock Company, of Stamford, Conn., whose name he gave the police, displayed to him on Saturday night what the man represented to be an exact duplicate of the master keys held by the officials of the Smithsonian Institution, was the statement made by Alexander to the police. He said the man assured him that the key would unlock any of the cabinets in the Bureau of Ethnology, where the most valuable relics of the Smithsonian Institution are kept on exhibition.

Alexander said the man urged that the two go to Washington for the purpose of unlocking the cabinets and removing certain relics which he described as of great value to the government collection. After removing relics in the hours the Smithsonian Institution is open to visitors, the plan, according to Alexander, was to keep the relics secreted until the government offered a large reward for their return.

**Experts Big Reward.**  
"I was told that it would be an easy matter to remove the historic curios from the cabinets," said Alexander, "and that we undoubtedly would receive a reward of \$10,000 or more for the return of the relics because of the fact that it would be impossible for the government to duplicate the pieces, which relate to the history of America centuries before the discovery of the New World by Christopher Columbus."

The man who urged me to participate in the theft exhibited to me a key, which he said was a duplicate of the master key he had made for the locks to the cabinets in the bureau of ethnology of the Smithsonian Institution. He pointed out that the key contained no number, and in my presence he drew an elaborate diagram of the interior of the locks, which he said it would be necessary for us to open.

"I have given the name and address of the man to the police. He proposed that I should commit the theft and that he would remain in the background, and later negotiate for the return of the relics for a reward. He said he would surround me with four or five men while I unlocked the cabinets, and passed the relics to the other men. He insisted that the curios easily could be removed without exciting the suspicion of the guards."

**To Investigate Closely.**

Alexander said that the man who wanted him to join in the theft assured him that the "Mona Lisa," which recently disappeared from the Louvre, in Paris, had been stolen without attracting attention of the guards employed to protect the art treasures. He said that the alleged lockmaker had agreed to divide with him whatever reward might be paid by the government.

"So convinced was I that the man was really serious in his plan to carry out the robbery," added Alexander, "that I considered it my duty to give what information I had in my possession to the police."

At headquarters Alexander was questioned closely as to every detail of his story before it was decided to make a thorough investigation. There are several men interested in the plot, according to Alexander.

In Stamford, Conn., the superintendent of the Yale-Towne Lock Company, said that it would be impossible to tell whether the company had manufactured the locks and master keys for the Smithsonian Institution without examining the records of the company. He said that the maker of a master key is not supposed to know for what institution or corporation the master keys are being made, and he could not believe that any employee would go to the trouble of duplicating a key for his personal use. He said that the records of all master keys are kept apart from the records of the company, and that every possible precaution is taken to make it impossible for employees of the company to know where the locks, which the master key is to fit, have been sold.

## STRUCK GLANCING BLOW BY BIG ROCK

Miss Helen Strange and Burke H. Bridgers Seriously Injured.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Wilmington, N. C., September 11.—News has reached Wilmington of a serious mishap that befell Miss Helen Strange, daughter of Bishop Robert Strange, of this city, and Burke H. Bridgers, Esq., a young Wilmington lawyer. While at Lenoir, in the western part of North Carolina, Miss Strange and Mr. Bridgers were mountain climbing and in some way a large rock was dislodged, and came directly towards Miss Strange. The course, and did so enough to prevent what likely would have been a fatal injury, but both he and Miss Strange were struck a glancing blow and severely hurt. Miss Strange's face was badly cut, and perhaps will be scarred permanently while one of Mr. Bridgers' arms was broken and badly mashed.

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## News of South Richmond

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Automobiles will have to beware from this time, for the attention has been called to the statement that during the trial autoists have "burned the road" between South Richmond and

Chesterfield Courthouse at every opportunity. Several arrests have been made during the past few days, and more will follow, as soon as the warrants now issued have been returned to the magistrates.

**Southside Houses Condemned.**  
The announcement by Inspector Beck that several houses in South Richmond would have to be torn down was received yesterday afternoon.

A two-story frame building at 1418 and 1420 Decatur Street, agent William L. Pleasant, was old and dilapidated and ordered torn down.

No. 111 East Sixteenth Street, one-story frame dwelling, owned by Henry Street, condemned and ordered razed.

Two-story frame dwelling at 2026 Decatur Street, owned by Mary Robinson, condemned and ordered torn down.

Two-story frame tenement, 1508 and 1510 Decatur Street, owned by Sallie Cogbill, condemned and ordered torn down.

**In Police Court.**  
The Police Court, Part 2, has been busy during the past few days.

R. P. Mintree was arrested, charged with raising a disturbance and was put into jail. He was also charged with having attempted to beat a board bill of \$31.50. The complainant was L. L. Ferris.

W. B. Long was arrested, charged by Lucy Archer, with attempting to beat a bill at her boarding house. The amount was \$1.

Andrew G. Huband was arrested, charged with fighting on the street. He was bailed. Huband in his turn got out a warrant for the arrest of R. C. Trent.

Willie Masie and Emma Tyler were drunk and were arrested. Both were bailed.  
R. C. Trent was arrested, charged with fighting on the street.  
Ed Mosby (colored) was arrested.

charged with trying to shoot Buck Robinson.  
Charles Johnson (colored) was arrested as a suspicious character.  
Dillard Kisson was arrested as a drunk.

Ham Harrison was also charged with being drunk and was jailed.

**Political Club Meets.**  
Interest in politics is not dead in South Richmond, as is shown by the fact that the Washington Ward Democratic Club held a meeting last night in Fraternal Hall for the purpose of electing officers and transacting other business for the coming campaign.

**Wed in Washington.**  
A surprising announcement was received in South Richmond yesterday to the effect that Miss Lillian Luck, the fifteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Luck, of 1233 Perry Street, had been married in Washington to Amos Whitley, of Cowardin Avenue.

The young people slipped away on Saturday afternoon and were quietly married in Washington. The bridegroom is in the employ of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company as a conductor.

**Jewett Recovering.**  
The condition of Carlton Jewett, who was run over by an automobile driven by Mr. Guggenheimer, of the Elmore

Company, is improving. The accident caused much excitement last week, and a warrant was issued for the arrest of Guggenheimer, but he was discharged. The accident was shown to be unavoidable.

**Personal and General.**  
David C. Pulliam, commissioner, has decided to W. T. Anthony property on Wall Street for the consideration of \$450.

Justice Maurice has gone for a short vacation. He will return to South Richmond on Saturday, and during his absence his duties at the Police Court will be carried on by J. T. Willard, of Hull Street.

Miss Ethel Woodward, who has been visiting Miss Bessie Cheatham, daughter of Magistrate Cheatham, of the Oak Grove Court, has returned to her home at Whitaker, N. C.

Master Prince Cheatham has returned to his home at Stony Creek, Va., after a visit with his relatives in South Richmond.

Misses Callie Bailey and Ruth Mason are visiting Miss Bessie Cheatham at Oak Grove.

Wilbur Cheatham and S. G. Owen will attend the coming session of the Richmond Academy.

Miss Natalie Garrett, of King William county, is visiting the Misses Wood, of 919 Porter Street.

Attorney Robert S. Rives, formerly of South Richmond, but now of Gloucester county, was brought to the Virginia Hospital yesterday to undergo an operation. He has been ill at Gloucester Courthouse for several days and was accompanied to Richmond by his niece, Miss Hattie Kelly.

The meeting of Rocky Ridge Council, Jr. O. U. A. M., which was held last evening at Odd-Fellows' Hall, was attended by a large number of the members.

Captain James Lipscomb, desk sergeant of the Police Court, who has been confined to his home with an attack of rheumatism, is now at his post again. The captain says he feels fit and hearty as ever.

## HIT AND KILLED BY BATTED BALL

Roanoke, Va., September 11.—Carl, the twelve-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Buttery, of Cleveland, Russell county, was hit on the head by a batted foul tip Saturday at Cleveland, and died in five minutes without regaining consciousness. Cleveland and Reeds Valley were playing a closely contested game, and a large crowd of fans was present, and witnessed the tragedy.

**Retreat's Rummage Sale.**  
The board of managers of the Retreat for the Sick began a rummage sale at 1911 East Main Street, which will continue through September 16. Gifts for this charity will be sent for by the managers.

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